

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Pool safety issues, including suction entrapment and Safety Vacuum Release Systems; CPSC guidelines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DATE OF MEETING: June 26, 2003 2003 JUL 21 A 11:49

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SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Hugh McLaurin, AED, Engineering Sciences

LOCATION: Commissioner Moore's Conference Room

CPSC ATTENDEES: Commissioner Thomas Moore
Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Moore
Hugh McLaurin, AED, Engineering Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Paul Pennington, Managing Member, Vac-Alert Industries, LLC
Michael Gidding, Attorney, Brown and Gidding

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Pennington requested the meeting. Mr. Pennington explained the background and actions concerning the development of standards for Safety Vacuum Release Systems (SVRS), primarily the ASTM International Provisional Standard PS-10 for SVRS. Mr. Pennington complimented the role of CPSC staff in bringing about the ASTM provisional standard, and encouraged the Commission to proceed with updating CPSC Publication 363, *Guidelines for Entrapment Hazards: Making Pools and Spas Safer*, to include the most recent information concerning SVRS standards and technologies. Mr. Pennington indicated that several state and local authorities were awaiting publication of the revised guidelines to update their codes and standards for pools and spas. Mr. Pennington expressed his opinion that CPSC staff work was essentially complete and that the Commission should expedite publication of the revised guidelines.

Mr. Pennington was informed of CPSC staff intentions to publish the revised guidelines by the end of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Pennington also expressed his concern that CPSC was bowing to pressure exerted by the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI) to stop the efforts of ASTM International to develop consolidated pool safety guidelines, in favor of NSPI guidelines. Mr. Pennington was informed that CPSC staff plans to develop its own consolidated pool safety guidelines, drawing on the work of ASTM and other parties as appropriate. The objective of CPSC staff is to ensure that these important guidelines become accessible to all pool and spa owners and operators and the general public, without requiring membership to any organization or having to purchase such guidelines from a standards body. This strategy has been coordinated with ASTM. This explanation appeared satisfactory to Mr. Pennington.

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